Recommendations of National Commission for Rural Labour

777. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations made by the National Commission for Rural Labour;

(b) if so, the decisions taken thereon and steps being taken to implement the same; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) be in negative the reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Rural Labour have made wide ranging recommendations including several legislative measures. Their implementation involves a large number of Ministries/Departments. The recommendations directly concerning various Ministries have been forwarded to them for examination and appropriate decisions.

(c) Does not arise.

बछावत आयोग की सिफारिश

778. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या पत्रकारों के वेतन सम्बन्धी बछावत आयोग की सिफारिशों को पूरी तरह से कार्यान्वित कर दिया गया है और किन-किन सिफारिशों को कार्यान्वित नहीं किया जा सका और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर): जी, नहीं। बछावत वेतन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन का दायित्व राज्य सरकारों पर है। राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से प्राप्त अद्यतन सूचना के अनुसार 1670 समाचारपत्र प्रतिष्ठानों में से 556 ने बछावत वेतन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों को पूरी तरह, 49 ने अंशत कार्यान्वित किया है और 1065 ने अभी तक इसको कार्यान्वित नहीं किया है। अधिकांश राज्यों द्वारा सिफारिशों का कार्यान्वयन नहीं किये जाने का कारण यह बताया गया है कि उनके पास वित्त की कमी है और बछावत पंचाट के विरुद्ध अनेक रिट याचिकायें दायर हैं और उच्चतम न्यायालय में लंबित हैं।

Pension to Working Journalists

779. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 128 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th March, 91 and state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Trustees on E.P.F. with whom the report of the Expert Group on the question of grant of pension to working journalists, was pending has considered the proposals contained in the report; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The CBT have considered the report of the Expert Group and recommended to the Government a pension scheme for all P.F. subscribers including working journalists. The Scheme provides for payment of pension in the contingencies of Superannuation, retirement and permanent disablement/death in service.

Child labour in the country

780. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of child labour in the country at the outset of the Independence and at the end of 1988-89; and

(b) what was the average allocation during this period for child labour welfare?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a)

The authentic data on child labour is based on the Census which is carried out at ten years' interval. Age group-wise data on workers is not available in the first Census carried out in 1951. The percentage of child labour (0-14 age group) to the total workers was 8.04 and 5.18 according to 1961 Census and 1981 Census (excluding Assam) respectively. The definition of workers in 1981 Census included both main and marginal workers. Due to conceptual changes the figures for 1961 and 1981 are not strictly comparable.

(b) There was no specific allocation earmarked for Child Labour Welfare Schemes in the Ministry of Labour prior to the year 1979-80 when an allocation of Rs. one lakh was made. Allocations of Rs. 13.75 lakhs and Rs. 510 lakhs were made during the Sixth and Seventh Plan periods respectively (1980-85 and 1985-90).

National Policy and Action Plan for Child Labour

781. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in the existing National Policy and Action Plan in relation to child labour for ensuring economic compensation to child's family; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING BHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The project based Plan of Action under the National Policy on Child Labour 1987 envisages setting up of special schools for child workers wherein together with vocational and non-formal education, supplementary nutrition and health care a stipend is paid to the children taken out from prohibited employments (to partially compensate the loss in earnings of the respective families).

782. [*Transferred to the 3rd December, 1991.*]

Maternity leave to adoptive mothers

783. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide maternity leave to adoptive mothers who are the members of All India Services; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) This is under consideration.

(b) On the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission, the facility of taking leave of the kind due and admissible in continuation of such maternity leave without production of medical certificate has been extended from 60 days to one year. In the case of an adoptive mother grant of maternity leave which is solely meant for the benefit of the natural mother to get over the effect of child birth and to regain normal health is not considered justified. However, as in the case of a natural mother, the need for postnatal care for the adopted child is equally present and the necessity of the adoptive mother being with the child initially also needs consideration. It has been proposed that even in the case of adoptive mothers who are members of the All India Service, the facility of leave of the kind due and admissible not exceeding one year without production of medical certificate may be extended subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The facility will not be available to an adoptive mother already having two living children at the time of adoption.

(ii) The maximum admissible period of one year's leave of the kind due and admissible without production of medical certificate will be reduced by the age of the child, as in the following illustrations;

— if the age of the adopted child is less than one month leave upto one year may be allowed.